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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In an attempt to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the U.S. Patent Office the following references, which were found during the prosecution of two co-pending Japanese patent applications:

US Patent No. 5,034,965

US Patent No. 5,392,037

US Patent No. 6,445,739

US Publication No. 2002/0114388

US Publication No. 2009/0010334

Japanese Publication No. 10-276097 w/English Abstract

Japanese Publication No. 2001-359107 w/English Abstract

Japanese Publication No. 02-216917 w/English Abstract

Japanese Publication No. 04-343576 w/English Abstract

Japanese Publication No. 05-235778 w/English Abstract

Japanese Publication No. 11-088880 w/English Abstract

Japanese Publication No. 2001-258029 w/English Abstract

Japanese Application No. 2006-551435 Office Action dated October 12, 2010, 3

pages.

Japanese Application No. 2006-549708 Office Action dated December 14, 2010, 3 pages.

A copy of the foreign references, non-patent literature and form PTO-A820 are attached.

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing the information disclosure statement.

Applicant received a Notice of Allowance dated November 12, 2010, and the Issue Fee has not yet been paid. It is respectfully requested that notification of the entrance of the Information Disclosure Statement be acknowledged.

Please charge the submission of an Information Disclosure Statement fee of \$180.00 to our Deposit Account No. 19-2814 and any other additional fees required.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

Very truly yours,

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